

September 13, 2022

The County Commissioners of Queen Anne’s County met this date pursuant to its last adjournment and there were present:

Christopher M. Corchiarino
James J. Moran
Jack N. Wilson, Jr.
Stephen Wilson
Philip L. Dumenil

CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to State Government Law Section 3-305(b) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; “The County Commissioners held a Closed Session on a motion of Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, at 5:00 p.m. in The Office of the County Commissioners, The Liberty Building, 107 N. Liberty Street, Centreville, Maryland.” The Board adjourned in Closed Session at 5:35 p.m. Those in attendance were Mr. Todd Mohn, P.E., County Administrator, Ms. Margie Houck, Executive Assistant, and Ms. Beverly Churchill, Director of Human Resources.

The Board discussed the following vacancies:

Spending Affordability Commission

Linda Kohler and Bernard Sadusky are seeking reappointment for a term to expire on September 30, 2024.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agrees to reappointment Linda Kohler and Bernard Sadusky to the Spending Affordability Commission for a term to expire September 20, 2024 .

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

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Social Services Board

There are two vacancies and one applicant for this Board. Pastor Mark Farnell is seeking reappointment for a term to expire June 30, 2025.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to reappointment Pastor Mark Farnell to the Social Services Board for a term to expire June 30, 2025.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

Council for Children & Youth – Confirmation of Appointments

The Council recommended the appointment of the following individuals as new council members for 3-year terms beginning January 1, 2022: Dana Barnhart, Rena Marie Brooks, Judy Corchiarino, Amanda Ensor, Angie Price, Allison Wood. They also recommended the reappointment of the following existing members for 3-year terms beginning January 1, 2022; Carolyn Blades, Dawn Fraser, Eric Johnson.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to appoint Dana Barnhart, Rena Marie Brooks, Judy Corchiarino, Amanda Ensor, Angie Price, Allison Wood to the Council for Children & Youth for a three year term and reappoint Carolyn Blades, Dawn Fraser, Eric Johnson for a three year term.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	abstained	

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES:

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the amended Agenda for the current meeting and the Regular, Closed Session and Roads Minutes of August 23, 2022 and Sanitary/Solid Waste August 23, 2022.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following persons spoke to the Commissioners on subjects of interest to them:
None

1. Joe Stevens – In favor of granting Water and Sewer Allocation for Kent Crossing
2. John Degan – In favor of granting Water and Sewer Allocation for Kent Crossing
3. Karen Williams – In favor of the skate park

LEGISLATION:

HEARING COUNTY ORDINANCE 22-10

A BILL ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING Revisions to the Queen Anne’s County Ethics Ordinance, Chapter 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne’s County; FOR THE PURPOSE of revising Chapter 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne’s County to comply with the requirements of House Bill 363 (2021) and House Bill 1058 (2021); revising the requirements regarding conflicts of interest, gifts and financial disclosure; defining “Quasi-Governmental Entity”; and generally revising and updating the Queen Anne’s County Ethics Ordinance to comply with the requirements of State law

Patrick Thompson, Esquire, conducted the hearing on the half of the county and noted all legal requirements were met.

The following person gave public testimony:

1. Crystal Richard

The record will remain open for two weeks

Commissioner Dumenil introduced County Ordinance 22-11

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PRESENTATIONS:

WEEKLY CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURE:

The Board reviewed various correspondence with Todd Mohn, County Administrator.

CHARACTER COUNTS PILLAR OF THE MONTH “RESPONSIBILITY”:

Commissioner Dumenil read the following proclamation:

22-46

WHEREAS, Queen Anne’s County was declared a Character Counts! Community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens have been called upon to embrace the “Six Pillars of Character” and incorporate them into their daily activities and to model these traits of good character; and

WHEREAS, the Character Counts! Pillar of the Month for September is “Responsibility”; and

WHEREAS, all citizens will incorporate Responsibility in their daily lives by being in charge of their choices and consider the likely consequences of their behavior; and

WHEREAS, all citizens shall strive to pursue excellence (Win The Day) by doing one’s best, to be motivated, caring, supportive and mentally strong advocates who exemplify leadership in the community; and

WHEREAS, every day is an opportunity to become a role model to others by being responsible for our attitude, our health, and our character; and

WHEREAS, taking responsibility for our actions helps us strengthen our individual character, and community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, by accepting responsibility we become more action-oriented and gain confidence:

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and

WHEREAS, the Giving the Edge Foundation is dedicated to implementing the Six Pillars of Character into their everyday programs and is here to encourage the community to take responsibility, and to persevere through any obstacle they are faced with; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Queen Anne's County Commissioners do hereby designate the Character Counts!

NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH PROCLAMATION:

Commissioner Moran read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS. The Queen Anne's County Area Agency on Aging celebrates National Senior Center Month in September 2022 with the theme "Strengthening Community Connections:" and

WHEREAS. older Americans are significant members of our society. investing their wisdom and experience to help enrich and strengthen our community: and

WHEREAS. the Grasonville. Kent Island and Sudlersville Senior Centers have acted as a catalyst for mobilizing the creativity, energy. vitality, and commitment of the older residents of Queen Anne's County: and

WHEREAS. through the wide array of services, programs. and activities. Senior Centers empower older citizens of Queen Anne's County to contribute to their own health and well-being and the health and well-being of their fellow citizens of all ages: and

WHEREAS, the Area Agency on Aging celebrates Senior Center Month with Beach Blanket Bingo for Senior Center Members at Conquest Beach in partnership with Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY,do hereby recognize September 2022 as National Senior Center Month. We call upon all citizens to recognize the special contributions of the Senior Center participants and the special efforts of the staff and volunteers who work every day to enhance the well-being of the older citizens of our community.

RESOLUTION 22-12 NUISANCE VIOLATION:

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This Resolution 22-12 is to place a lien on the 203 Riverside Dr. Chester, Maryland 21619 so the County can be reimbursed for the cost of the grass cutting.

On a motion made by Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the Resolution to place a lien on the Property located at 203 Riverside, Chester, Maryland in the amount of \$260.00. As part of the motion, Commissioners Corchiarino, Dumenil and S. Wilson asked questions and/or made comments on this topic.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

FY 23 LPPI GRANT PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Department of Parks and Recreation is recommending the following projects to be completed from the \$1 million grant from DNR- Local Parks and Playgrounds Infrastructure (LPPI) FY23 budget:

Court Work Capital Project Account

Renovate the Courts at Round Top Park to host two Pickleball and one Basketball Court	\$177,165.00
Replace Basketball Court Lights at Pinkney Park	\$137,190.00
Color Coating on Basketball Court at Pinkney Park	\$ 21,547.00

Playground Capital Project Account

Skate Park	\$500,000.00
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Athletic Field Work Project Account

Add roof covers to the Dug Outs at OLP, Rt.18, and Batts Neck Park	\$164,098.00
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The next step is to submit these project applications to DNR and Board of Public works for approval.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation to submit the project applications for the DNR-LPPI FY23 Grant to encompass the projects as outlined in their memo dated September 13, 2022.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

CBEC THIN LAYER PLACEMENT DREDGING PILOT PROJECT – GRANT FUNDED ENGINEERING SERVICES:

James Wood, Public Landings Supervisor, Parks and Recreation submitted to the Board for their approval the CBEC Thin Layer Placement Dredging Pilot Project Grant Funded Engineering Services. Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (CBEC) has an ongoing coastal resiliency project. Sustainable Science LLC, Denton, MD, is providing engineering, design and permitting services for the whole project, including a component to design and permit suitable areas for innovative and beneficial use of dredge material on existing marshland know as *thin layer placement*. A 100% state grant funded pilot project has been proposed to determine the feasibility of *thin layer placement* at CBEC of material dredged from Price Creek, near Queen Anne Colony. The Public Landings Division recommends approval to enlist engineering services up to \$35,000 from Sustainable Science LLC, as a sole source vendor. This work is contingent upon award of a \$35,000 MD-DNR Waterway Improvement Fund grant request submitted on September 6, 2022. No County funds are needed for this project.

On a motion made by Commissioner S. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to authorize Sustainable Science LLC to provide engineering services for the CBEC thin layer placement dredging pilot project up to \$35,000. This is contingent upon award of a DNR Waterway Improvement Fund grant for the project. As part of the motion, Commissioners Dumenil and S. Wilson asked questions and/or made comments on this topic.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	

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J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

BLUE HERON GOLF COURSE FRONT NINE GREENS RENOVATION CONTRACT:

Eric Beaufait, Golf Course Manager, Parks and Recreation submitted to the Board for approval the Blue Heron Golf Course Front Nine Greens Renovation Contract. The Blue Heron Golf Course is requesting to contract the Front Nine Greens Renovation Project to McDonald & Sons Golf Course Builders. The project was reposted for three (3) weeks to seek additional competitive bids. However, only one of six potential contractors submitted a bid (McDonald & Son put forth the same contract price for the work as they submitted in July.)

The total project is cost \$644,858.47. The total cost includes contracted services in the amount of \$306,689.74 and \$338,169.13 for materials to be purchased by the Department. Adequate funding is available in the Blue Heron Golf Course Capital Project Budgets: Irrigation (30007) and Course Improvements (30011).

On a motion made by Commissioner Dumenil, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to authorize the Department of Parks & Recreation — Blue Heron Golf Course to contract the green renovation project to McDonald & Son’s Golf Course Builders Inc. The terms of the contract are for construction to start in Spring of 2023 and reopening of the greens by July of 2023 for the amount of \$306,689.74 and authorize the Department of Parks & Recreation to directly procure materials for the project in the amount of \$338,169.13. As part of the motion, Commissioners Dumenil, Moran, J. Wilson and S. Wilson asked questions and/or made comments on this topic.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

FY23 ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD CONTRACTS:

Mr. Steve Chandlee, Director of Parks and Recreation submitted to the Board for their review and approval the FY23 Artificial Turf Field Contracts. Parks and Recreation is requesting to contract Field Turf USA, Inc to design and install two artificial turf fields, one at Church Hill Park and one at Batts Neck Park utilizing the Keystone Purchasing Network Agreement, KP #201801-01, is as follows:
Batts Neck Park

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- Design and install one artificial turf field \$1,391,873.91
- Cement Stabilization Allowance \$ 121,086.00
 - *(If soil is not compatible)*
- Total for Batts Neck Park \$1,512,959.91

Church Hill Park

- Design and install one artificial turf field \$1,495,769.82
- Cement Stabilization Allowance \$ 150,505.00
 - *(If soil is not compatible)*
- Total for Church Hill Park \$1,646,274.82

Grand Total Requested for two Artificial Turf Fields \$3,159,234.73

Work would begin in November 2022 and would be completed in the Spring of 2023. Funding to come from Parks Artificial Turf Capital Project, 40915, in the amount of \$263,725, the remaining amount of \$2,895,509.73 would come from a combination of Parks Impact fees and County Fund Balance.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner S. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter a contract with Field Turf USA, Inc. to install two artificial turf fields, in the amount of \$3,159,237.73, utilizing the Keystone Purchasing Network agreement. Funding of \$263,725 to come from Parks Artificial Turf Capital Project and the remaining amount to be funded using Park Impact fees and County Fund Balance. As part of the motion, Commissioners Dumenil, Moran and Wilson asked questions and/or made comments on this topic.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

CAPITAL REQUEST FOR FY23 VEHICLES AREA ON AGING:

Ms. Cathy Willis, Director of the Department of Community Services submitted to the Board for their review and approval a Capital request for FY23 Vehicles Area on Aging. This is a request to purchase three Chevy Equinox’s that were approved in the FY23 Capital Budget for a total of \$105,000. Of this amount \$60,501 is grant funded through the Maryland Department of Aging ARPA grant which was received and approved recently through Budget Amendment #CC-13 – Senior Centers. The three vehicles requested will replace a 2006 Jeep Grand Cherokee with 97,460 miles, a 2013 Dodge Journey with 110,952 miles and a 2001 Chevy Blazer with

143,300 miles which have all exceeded their useful life cycle. Two will be used for the Home Delivered Meal program and one for all Kramer center staff of the department for client home visits, client transports and meetings.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to to purchase (3) 2022 Chevy Equinox's from i.g. Burton Berlin Chevrolet for the approved purchase price of \$84,275 for a savings of \$20,725 per the originally budgeted amount.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following persons spoke to the Commissioners on subjects of interest to them:

1. Kristin Weed
2. Heather Bacher
3. Violet Baudean

COMMISSIONER'S ROUNDTABLE:

Commissioner J. Wilson discussed the following:

Commissioner Dumenil discussed the following:
BOE Town Hall

Commissioner S. Wilson discussed the following:

Commissioner Corchiarino discussed the following:

Commissioner Moran discussed the following:
QAC Goes Purple

EPA Press Conference 50th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act

There being no further business, they adjourned at 7:15 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, September 27, 2022.

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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

PRESIDENT

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